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His First Case In Court

(Original.)
George Crawford left the high school of his native village to go to college with a view to becoming a lawyer How he was to pay his way no one knew, for he had not a cent in the world. Moreover, there was a love match between him and his schoolmate, Maggie Pixley, the beginning of which neither could remember. The affair first began to look serious when George went to college. At least, it was then that Maggle's father first took notice of it and showed his oppo-sition. He reminded his daughter that she was at a marriageable age, while her lover had four years at college, three at law school and no one could tell how many more in getting a prac-tice at his profession. But all this depended on his getting the money to pay his expenses. Maggie made up her of passion, intrigue and villainy. mind to wait for George Crawford.

George at his entrance to college won
a scholarship that by dint of rigid

nomy helped him through his first r. After that he did odd jobs, taught, won prizes, thus scraping to-gether enough to put him through college. When it came to studying law, he found a position in a school requir-ing but a few hours of each day. This gave him what he needed to complete.

George was advised by most of his professors to plant himself in a large city, but one of them, differing from the rest, recommended the country, where, if the field was smaller, the competition was less. George chose the ountry and settled in his native vil-

When one finds himself on the wrong side of a question the more the case goes against him the closer he is tempted to cling to it. Maggie's father was the notary of the village, and, having once studied a little law in a country office, now found his daughter's suitor, whom he had opposed, looking down on him from a comparatively high legal pinnacle. His opposition to the match was more obstinate than it had been

even years before.

Judge Pixley, as he had come to be called by his fellow citizens who knew his weakness in respect to legal lore was the recipient of many small trusts One day four men came together to his office and after asking if he were Judge Pixley, laying stress on the "judge," asked him to take charge of some \$12,000 till they should call for it again, offering him a large fee. The notary, without stopping to inquire whence the men came, accepted the rust and at their request drew up a receipt, ending with an agreement to pay over the money when called for to each and every one of those who had left it with him and to none of them separately. This done, they de-

In a few minutes the spokesman of the party, who had flattered the no-tary, returned and said that he wished to count the money. Pixley put him at a table with the bills and during the counting was called for a moment into another room. When he returned both

the man and the money had vanished.

This was the severest blow the no tary had ever received. The only property he possessed was his dwelling, and he had been years paying off a mortgage upon it. To replace the lost money would require the sacrifice of the house and something besides. The old man was in an agony. He spent what ready money he had going to the city and consulting lawyers, all of whom told him that the theft of one of the depositors did not absolve his in-

He was not kept long in suspense In a few days the men, excepting the thief, returned and claimed their prop-Not receiving it, they entered suit against Pixley, and as there was but little business before the court the case was soon called for trial. There was no lawyer in the place except ford, and Pixley had with Maggie begged George to do something for her father, and the old man was obliged to intrust his case to the person he so bitterly opposed.

On the day of the trial excellent counsel appeared on behalf of the claimants, who made speeches setting forth "the villainy of the rascal who had sought to defrand these honest men of their dues," Crawford sat without a pretest to these charges, the gaping villagers setting him down for a very poor lawyer for not hurling them back in the attorneys' teeth. The judge and jury were not averse to Pix-ley, but they did not see how they could obey the law and not find a ver-dict for the plaintiff.

When the case against the defendant had been stated and George arose it was hoped that at last he would make a flery speech accusing the claimants of collusion besides other crimes and set forth the high standing the defendant had held in the community. In-stead he called for a reading of the receipt. When the reader came to the words "shall pay to the said (the names here followed) together and not sepa-

rately" George called a halt and said:
"Your honor, I ask for a dismissal
of the case against my client on the
ground that the instrument expressly
forbids my client to pay it except to the four men together

"Case dismissed," said the judge.
At the same moment detectives advanced and arrested the claimants on a charge of murder and robbery. George Crawford suspected one or both these crimes and had notified the police of a neighboring city, who had

ferreted out a double crime. The case was the beginning of George Crawford's success at the bar and afterward in public life. He married Maggie Pixley, with her father's ap-probation. WILLARD K. FIFER. jan18tf.

with curiosity and sentimental long-ings, a girl turns for information to fiction, the result being that she forms a totally erroneous and generally stily conception of life. At the outset her end is stuffed with sentimental non head is stuned with sentimental non-sense written by people who know nothing of society and still less of life, the consequence too often being that the girl who imagined men committing suicide for her sake finds herself part neriess at her first dance or, at best,

waltzing with a pale faced youth in an immoculate shirt front, who, to aid his memory, has probably jotted her down on his programme as "skinny, with reckles." This author holds it doubtfreckles. ful whether even healthy fiction of the type of "Ivanboe" is necessary for girls. As for the stories which tell of meek little governesses marrying heirs to peerages and typewriters with holes in their stockings graciously bestowing their hands on magnates and million-nires, the author sums them up by observing that it is quite as pernicious in the long run to read them as to read

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three coats of white enamel are easily cleaned by wiping with a damp cloth. If alum is added to the paste used in overing boxes with paper or for scrapooks moths or mice will not invade them.

It is much better to have plastered walls painted than papered. Paint can be washed occasionally and is really nore economical than paper

A painter suggests that if the bath-tub be given two coats of common paint before the enamel paint is ap-plied, letting each dry for twenty-four hours, the objectionable flaking off process will not follow.

The House Cleaning Habit. House cleaning is largely a habit. The thrifty housekeeper gets in the way of having a general upheaval twice a year, and she could not discense with it, or she thinks she couldn't. And yet some authorities declare that the periodical house cleaning is an unnecessary infliction. Their plan is to give one room a cleaning every Thus if there are seven rooms each room gets a renovation every seven weeks and the house never has an opportunity to become dirty enough to need troublesome overhauling. Mirrors and looking glasses should be cleaned every time a room is done. A little spirits of wine judiciously applied with a soft rag will remove the most obsti-nate marks. Picture frames and books, too, should be well dusted and the cupboard shelves dusted and relined with clean paper.

Brushes For Velvet,

Old pieces of haircloth, particularly of the kind used for furniture cover-ing, make the very nicest of brushes for velvet. If you have a piece that is about nine inches in size fold it length-wise and cut it so that you will have three pieces or strips. Ravel the edges of each piece for a depth-of two inches and ravel them on each side. Sew the strips together. Then roll the long piece smoothly so that the edges will be perfectly even and fasten the un-fringed part in the center with a neadie and linen thread. Cover this part with a piece of bright velvet or sllk, turning the edges under so that it will have a finished appearance,

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